

April 2, 2007

The Honorable Matt Blunt
Governor of Missouri
State Capitol
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Blunt:

I am pleased to submit to you the 2006 Annual Report of the Missouri State Park Advisory Board. This report, pursuant to Executive Order 86-26, summarizes the major accomplishments for the Missouri state park system during calendar year 2006.

A major accomplishment in 2006 was the extension for 10 more years of the parks, soils and water sales tax by Missouri voters. This sales tax was approved by 70.8 percent of voters, which reflects Missourian's overwhelming support for their state park system.

In 2006, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources continued to provide the quality service and facilities that citizens and voters have come to expect. The emphasis continued on upgrading and improving state park campgrounds to better meet the needs of campers.

Another major project was the cleanup and restoration of Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park following the Taum Sauk reservoir breach in December 2005. The department remains committed to rebuilding this state park so visitors can once again enjoy this natural wonder.

The department continued to seek public input through informational meetings and surveys. Fifty-five informational meetings were held and public opinion surveys were completed at six parks and historic sites.

The Missouri state park system has a long tradition of providing outstanding public service. Your continued interest and support in these efforts is appreciated. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me through the Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks at (573) 751-9392. Thank you.

Sincerely,

MISSOURI STATE PARK ADVISORY BOARD

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Chairman

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Enclosure

2006 Annual Report of the Missouri State Park Advisory Board

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Record of Decisions for 2006

January 20, 2006 Motion made to approve the naming for the new discovery center project at Rock Bridge State Park. Motion carried.

January 20, 2006 Motion made to approve the annual and standard donation plan for Katy Trail State Park. Motion carried.

January 20, 2006 Motion made to approve the proposal for fee increases for boat rentals at Lake of the Ozarks State Park.

July 21, 2006 Motion made that the Advisory Board draft a resolution after meeting with Department of Natural Resources Director concerning flying the Confederate Flag. Motion carried.

July 21, 2006 Motion made to accept the conceptual development plan for Bollinger Mill State Historic Site. Motion carried.

July 21, 2006 Motion made to work on the concept of a curatorial building for the State Museum. Motion carried.

October 20, 2006 Motion made that the Missouri State Park Advisory Board endorses an interpretive flag display for special events at the Confederate Memorial State Historic Site. And that at no time is it ever appropriate to fly any other flag other than the American, Missouri and MIA-POW flag on any official flagpole. Motion carried.

October 20, 2006 Motion made to approve the conceptual development plan for the Deutschheim State Historical Site. Motion carried.

October 20, 2006 Motion made to approve the wild area management plan for Mudlick Mountain. Motion carried.

2006 SUMMARY

Number of Sites: 83 state parks and historic sites and the Roger Pryor Pioneer Backcountry

Number of Acres: 141,294 acres in parks and sites and 61,000 acres in Roger Pryor Pioneer Backcountry

Visitation: 16,069,467

Employment: 630.76 classified employees and 106.20 seasonals

Financial Information for Fiscal Year 2006

- Total operation and capital improvement expenditures (less fringe benefits) \$32,301,240
- Revenues from operations - \$7,335,944
- Revenues from dedicated sales tax - \$40,325,299

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Awards and Recognitions in 2006

Many individuals and groups received awards or were recognized in some way during 2006.

The Missouri Park Association (MPA) recognized four employees with **Employee of the Year Awards**: Sharon Hultberg, Washington State Park, was the field employee; Randy Clay, Sam A. Baker State Park, was the facility manager employee; Dave Reynolds, Pomme de Terre State Park, was the maintenance/construction employee; and Richard Lachance, Planning and Development Program, was the central office employee.

Greg Combs, Eastern Parks District, received both the October **Department of Natural Resources Employee of the Month** and the November **State Employee of the Month**.

The following people received awards at the **National Association of Interpretation (NAI) Region VI** workshop in Houston, Texas: Michelle Soenksen, Sam A. Baker State Park, received the Richard Baldauf/Outstanding New Interpreter Award. Kathryn DiFoxfire, Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, received the Outstanding Interpretive Written Article Award. Cyndi Cogbill, Chanda Regier and Rick Edwards (volunteer), all from Prairie State Park, received the Outstanding Interpretive Program Award. Jamie Hubert, St. Francois State Park, Andrea Putnam, Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park, and Janet Price, Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park, received the Best Workshop Presentation Award.

The following individuals were honored with the department's **Division of State Parks Masterpiece Awards** in the year 2006. Spring awards were presented to the following: Harold Sullins, Montauk State Park; Mark Kunkel, Big Lake State Park; Katherine Libby, Gen. John J. Pershing Boyhood Home State Historic Site; Greg Combs, Eastern Parks District; Scott Meyer, Eastern Construction Unit; Jack Turpin, North Construction Unit; Dave Lako, Facility and Visitor Service Program; Ron Baker and Alan LaBoube, Resource Management and Interpretation Program; Doug Rusk, Warren Templeton, Paul Jeffreys, Glenda Jaques and Mary Dunlap, Stockton State Park; Kim Burfield, Janet Price, Agnes Lashley, Lee Petsel, Harold Burford and Annette Hawkins, Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park; Ken McCarty, Resource Management and Interpretation Program; Jim Yancey, Facility and Visitor Services Program; Jonathan Fitch, Planning and Development Program; Bill Bonnell, St. Joe State Park; Randy Clay, Sam A. Baker State Park; Joe Blum, St. Francois State Park; Jim Newberry, Washington State Park; Sgt. Steve Hayden, Mastodon State Historic Site; Ranger Lucas Anderson and Ranger Chuck Helton, Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park; Ranger Glenn Buckner, Onondaga Cave State Park; and Ed and Shirley White, campground hosts at Knob Noster State Park.

Fall Masterpiece Award winners follow: Gary Plymell, Ha Ha Tonka State Park; Carmen Swan, Northern Missouri Historic District; Lana Woody, Wallace State Park; Lesley Lehr-McDaniel, Felix Vallé House State Historic Site; Dustin Webb, Trail of Tears State Park; Larry Bleich, Michael Hare, Joe Lehman, Randy Richards, Ray Rush, Robert Turner and Jim Warnol, Statewide Construction Crew; Mark Hohengasser, Planning and Development Program; Jonathan Fitch, Planning and Development Program; Jeff Crook and Branden Neer, Mark Twain State Park; Linda Gentry, Resource

Management and Interpretation Program; and Don Calvert, campground host at Arrow Rock State Historic Site.

Seven employees received awards at the **Association of Missouri Interpreters** (AMI) workshop. Heather Priest, seasonal at Sam A. Baker State Park, received the scholarship award in the undergraduate category. Jess Thee, a volunteer, and Nancy Thee, a seasonal at Nathan Boone Homestead State Historic Site, won the Best Interpretive Effort in the group category. In the individual category, Janet Price, Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park, received the same award. Rick Edwards, Prairie State Park, received the Distinguished Interpreter of the Year in the volunteer category. Tara Flynn, Missouri Mines State Historic Site, received the Distinguished Interpreter of the Year in the professional category and Chad Doolen, Roaring River State Park, received the same award in the seasonal category.

Two division videos won **2006 Silver Davey** awards – “Scott Joplin: King of Ragtime,” produced for Scott Joplin House State Historic Site, and “The Last Boys in Gray: The Confederate Home of Missouri,” produced for Confederate Memorial State Historic Site. Twitchell Studios in Columbia produced the videos after staff from the Resource Management and Interpretation Program conducted research, drafted scripts and located photos and images.

Brian Wilcox, Meramec State Park, received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Meramec Valley Grotto of the National Speleological Society for his many years of work and partnerships with the caving community.

The volunteer program at Watkins Woolen Mill State Park and State Historic Site received the **2006 Victor E. Speas Foundation Award** from the Volunteer Coordinators' Council of Greater Kansas City.

Greta Marshall, Confederate Memorial State Historic Site, was selected into the 47th Seminar for the Historical Administration offered through the American Association for State and Local History.

Michael Dickey, Arrow Rock State Historic Site, received a 2006 Award of Merit from the American Association of State and Local History for his book *Arrow Rock: Cross Road of the Missouri Frontier*.

Jim Baker, Felix Valle House State Historic Site, received the 2006 Distinguished Service Award from the Foundation for the Restoration of Ste. Genevieve.

2006 Year-End Summary

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks administers Missouri's state park system, which preserves the state's most outstanding natural landscapes and cultural landmarks and provides opportunities for recreation. The following are major accomplishments for 2006.

The **parks-and-soils sales tax** was approved in August by 70.8 percent of Missouri voters. The approved constitutional amendment extends the one-tenth-of-one-percent sales tax for an additional 10 years and automatically puts the tax on the ballot every 10 years. The sales tax, which provides three-fourths of the park system's budget, is divided equally with the department's soil and water conservation efforts. This is the fourth time Missouri voters have approved the tax and the 2006 vote was the largest approval percentage yet.

The state park system expanded its commitment to offer outdoor education to the public, including those in urban areas, by sponsoring the first-ever **WOW Outdoor Recreation and Conservation School** in the Kansas City area. The Kansas City school and a similar one held each year in St. Louis are designed to reach people who have little knowledge of outdoor skills and who may not have opportunities to experience the outdoors. They are patterned after the successful WOW school held each fall at Roaring River State Park.

A special **Rediscover Missouri in Your State Parks** promotion during July highlighted state parks and historic sites and offered participants ways to receive free camping and historic site tours, an opportunity to win a vacation package and tips on where to go to stretch vacation dollars. More than 9,000 people entered for the drawing for six vacation packages; almost 13,200 free camping certificates and more than 3,000 free historic site tours were given.

The division launched a new fitness program to encourage people to take advantage of the many fitness and recreational opportunities in Missouri state parks and historic sites. The **Katy Trail Challenge** is in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and is part of an effort to help fight obesity. By hiking 225 miles (the length of Katy Trail State Park) or bicycling 450 miles anywhere, they can become eligible for a vacation package in a Missouri state park. The program runs from April 2006 through March 2007. During 2006, 1,020 people participated and 369 people completed the program.

Fifty-five **informational meetings** and open houses were held at state parks and historic sites. These meetings are held annually for each park and site to provide visitors with opportunities to have input on facilities and services. More than 2,100 people attended these meetings.

A grand opening was held for the new contact station containing the park offices at **Harry S Truman State Park**. The new facility provides office space for park personnel as well as for a departmental employee to work with the public on environmental assistance and compliance. The facility replaces the building destroyed by fire in 2001.

Public opinion surveys were completed at Thousand Hills, Roaring River, Meramec, Castlewood and Route 66 state parks and Felix Valle House State Historic Site. These surveys are part of a continuing effort to seek public input and determine how

satisfied people are with their visits. More than 3,000 surveys were collected from November 2005 to November 2006.

Based on feedback gathered through guest comment cards distributed at state parks and historic sites, visitors continue to be very satisfied with their experiences. **Overall visitor satisfaction** in 2006 was 96 percent, up 2 percent from 2005. A total of 3,714 guest comment cards were received with 57 percent being from Missouri residents. Forty-five other states as well as six countries were represented.

The public could **receive information** through e-mail and mail requests and the division's toll-free number. The division responded to more than 5,650 e-mails requests and more than 400 written requests. The division received 47,420 automated toll-free calls and responded to 14,862 operator-assisted toll-free calls.

Through the **Volunteers in Parks (VIP)** program, 2,254 volunteers contributed 171,801 hours to the state park system. This included 328 campground hosts, who contributed 128,417 hours.

The 2005-2006 **Missouri State Parks Passport Program** officially ended Dec. 31, 2006. Participants were required to visit about 75 percent of the facilities in each region to receive a patch. Those who completed two bonus categories of overlooks and historic structures received a special prize. A total of 302 people completed the passport program.

Six hundred and nineteen campers received **camper awards** for camping at least five times in a state park campground during 2006. Four 15-year and two 25-year camper awards were given.

The division's **Web site** increased to 6,191 pages and received more than 12,112, 300 hits.

Bennett Spring State Park became the first Missouri state park to offer wireless Internet (**WiFi**) service to the public in June. Visitors to the park can access free WiFi service at the park's dining lodge during normal operational hours. This new service has proven to be popular with park visitors.

The **centralized campground reservation system** continued to be very successful with more than 56,600 sites/units reserved. This number is slightly down from 2005 but this can be attributed to the 52 reservable sites at Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park being unavailable in 2006. If 2005 numbers for Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park were added into the 2006 totals, the number of sites/units reserved would have increased by approximately 3 percent.

Significant progress was made on focusing **Van Meter State Park** as the state park system's main interpretive venue for American Indian history.

- Construction of the addition to the visitor center was completed and has been designated **Missouri's American Indian Cultural Center**. Temporary loaned exhibits were installed to complement a preview opening of the center in September to coincide with the anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's return down the Missouri River in 1806.
- Staff continued travels to Kansas and Oklahoma to seek counsel with the nine **tribal nations** that will be featured at the center. Contacts were made with the Osage, Otoe-Missouria, Delaware, Absentee Shawnee, Shawnee, Eastern Shawnee, Sac and Fox, Kickapoo, Ioway and Kanza.

- Special events continue to provide the main device to project American Indian presence in Missouri. These events included a Otoe-Missouria drumming event, a lecture by the Kanza or Kaw nation, and a temporary exhibit from the Sac and Fox nation.
- The 42-acre Utz tract was reclaimed from the University of Missouri, who had used it for an archaeological field school. Once the university has completed removing some of its holdings, efforts will begin to open this tract to public interpretation. The Utz site is a National Historic Landmark and the principle known village site of the Missouria Indians for which the river and state are named.

Work continued on **general management plans**, which include various chapters that guide all aspects of the park or site. Nine cultural resource management plans have been completed and 15 others are in draft form. Fifteen natural resource management plans have been completed and 22 others are in draft form. Nineteen interpretation plans have been completed and 20 others are in draft form.

A \$20,000 **Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative grant** was secured to fund the first wet prairie restoration effort at Edward “Ted” and Pat Jones-Confluence Point State Park.

The **Cultural Resource Fund** supported the conservation or assessment of 13 objects in Fiscal Year '06. So far in Fiscal Year '07, 14 projects are under way and 11 more are scheduled to be finished by June 30, 2007. Fiscal Year '07 projects include conservation of a walnut secretary at Battle of Lexington State Historic Site and the treatment and/or assessment of several art prints and oil paintings at Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site.

A plan for the **management of petroglyphs** within the state park system was developed. The report will help appropriate staffs develop site-specific management guidelines for petroglyphs or rock carvings. Significant petroglyph sites can be found at Thousand Hills and Washington state parks.

Staff from the Missouri State Museum received basic training on the conservation and handling of **historic flags**. The skills learned could potentially save the division several thousands of dollars per flag on future flag restoration projects.

The Missouri State Museum accepted a new collection of material from **World War II**. The highlight of the collection is a Red Cross nurse's uniform and a photograph of the donor wearing it.

A total of 90,993 records were entered into the **artifact database**. This is 45.5 percent of the estimated 200,000 objects in the artifact collection. Approximately 3,000 photographs in the division's archives were re-housed into appropriate storage material.

A **collections inventory** was begun for the Missouri State Museum. The inventory will take up to two years to complete and approximately 10 percent of the collection has been inventoried.

New videos were completed for Confederate Memorial State Historic Site and Scott Joplin House State Historic Site. The new Scott Joplin video documents his life with a focus on his years in St. Louis. A second video was produced specifically for those who cannot take the actual tour.

The **Elizabeth Rozier Gallery** in Jefferson Landing State Historic Site hosted eight temporary exhibits. One of the largest ones was “Rally Round the Flag,” an exhibit of Civil War flags.

Five major exhibits were on display in **Missouri State Museum** in the Capitol. These included several on Civil War themes, leading up to the sesquicentennial. Staff purchased equipment to produce interpretive panels inhouse. This should result in a 40 percent savings over the next five years.

For the first time ever, **interpretive contacts** for state parks and historic sites exceeded 1.5 million people.

Markers were produced and installed to commemorate **Civil War battles** at Newtonia (one each for the 1862 and 1864 battles), and one each for Cole Camp, Fayette, Fort Wyman and the Battles of Marmaton Valley.

Division staff continued involvement with Missouri’s **Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy** planning and project implementation, which is an interagency effort to develop plans to channel federal wildlife funds into state conservation projects. Local initiatives included those involving Sam A. Baker, Morris and Meramec state parks.

The **conceptual development plan process** (CDP) continued for Graham Cave State Park and Deutschheim State Historic Site, including hosting public meetings and conducting online and paper opinion surveys. The CDP for Bollinger Mill State Historic Site was completed and submitted for final signature approval.

A new comprehensive **water/wastewater needs** assessment report was compiled to prioritize new capital improvement projects and address regulatory compliance issues.

Fourteen communities received more than \$500,000 in **federal grants** to assist with park and recreation needs through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Nineteen projects for trail-related construction and maintenance received approximately \$1.3 million through the federal Recreational Trails Program.

Approximately **260 acres** were added to the state park system through purchases at Battle of Athens State Historic Site, Watkins Woolen Mill State Park and Historic Site, and Johnson’s Shut-Ins, Van Meter, Ha Ha Tonka and Graham Cave state parks. Land trades were completed for Katy Trail, Ha Ha Tonka and Cuivre River state parks. Another land trade with the city of Pilot Knob resulted in nine acres of the core battlefield of the Battle of Pilot Knob being added to Fort Davidson State Historic Site.

At **Crowder State Park**, a plan was put in place to acknowledge the need to preserve the family cemetery plot due to its proximity to the equestrian trail and its relationship with the local Thompson house and farmstead. The plot was cleared of understory growth and will be mowed periodically. A fence will be constructed to keep horses out of the cemetery and it will enable an interpretive plaque to be installed.

A park-sponsored tour of **Devil’s Icebox Cave** at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park went to the end of the cave, a distance of 3.5 miles. It was the first trip to “Terminal Siphon” since 1999.

A joint Department of Natural Resources and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) **archaeological collection storage facility** was completed and put into operation at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park. The facility will house the division’s collections as well as human remains from the department’s State Historic Preservation Office and MoDOT.

A new liquid chlorinator was installed at the swimming pool at **Big Lake State Park**. As a result, staff no longer have to store gas chlorine at the park, which makes for a safer and more efficient operation.

Elementary school children learned about the environment in a hands-on way. Local fourth grade students helped restore a riverbottom forest at Lewis and Clark State Park by planting 360 trees. A total of 120 students from four local schools planted 900 trees at Edward “Ted” and Pat Jones-Confluence Point State Park.

Staff at Finger Lakes State Park worked with the local fire protection district to establish global positioning system (**GPS**) **coordinates** on seven miles of trail. This effort will assist with emergency response needs.

Staff from the North Hills Parks District presented 14 programs at the Kansas City Discovery Center. This cooperative effort with the Missouri Department of Conservation and other department units is part of the division’s **interpretive outreach** efforts in the Kansas City area

A chapter of the Show-Me Back Country Trailriders was formed to support **equestrian trails** at Cuivre River State Park.

The entire town of **Arrow Rock** was designated among the 2006 Dozen Distinctive Destinations by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This is the first time that any site in Missouri has been given this national distinction.

The **Historic River Landing Trail** was opened in the spring near Arrow Rock. Created through a National Park Service Lewis and Clark cost-share grant, the trail was constructed by volunteer labor and traverses mainly the Big Muddy Fish and Wildlife Refuge. It connects the town and Arrow Rock State Historic Site with the Missouri River.

Staff at Arrow Rock State Historic Site, along with the Friends of Arrow Rock, continued to host **teacher workshops**. In 2006, 57 teachers from Missouri attended sessions that focused on using historic sites as platforms for historic context.

The **Children’s Craft Festival** at Arrow Rock State Historic Site attracted 2,200 students, teachers and chaperones from 25 schools.

The Friends of the Anderson House continue to actively support and enhance interpretive efforts at **Battle of Lexington State Historic Site** by conducting special events.

A 16 mm documentary movie featuring **Thomas Hart Benton** called *A Man and a River* was discovered and converted to DVD so it can be shown at Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio State Historic Site. The movie shares Benton’s love of the outdoors as he canoes the Buffalo River in Arkansas.

Dry battery cells and a motor generator were acquired and installed to depict how the lodge at **Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site** was powered before electricity was available.

The statue of the Lion of Lucern was a focus of the Confederate Memorial Day activities at **Confederate Memorial State Historic Site**. The statue was installed 100 years ago in 1906.

A new interpretive panel was installed providing information about the long house at **Iliniwek Village State Historic Site**.

Gen. John J. Pershing Boyhood Home State Historic Site was designated an official **state tourism welcome center**. The site will stock tourism information for north Missouri attractions for visitors driving on U.S. Highway 36. Modifications have been

made to the office, largely from contributions from the Pershing Park Memorial Association, to allow for better traffic flow.

Watkins Mill Association continued to support Watkins Woolen Mill State Park and State Historic Site by providing funding for the annual volunteer appreciation dinner, replacing some period hand tools and funding living history clothing.

The **Master Gardeners of Kansas City** have adopted Watkins Woolen Mill State Park and State Historic Site as a site to conduct workshops and have taken on some projects to complement the heirloom garden and to demonstrate activities such as rainwater conservation measures.

Babler One Day Camp was conducted at Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park and included outdoor skills, games, swimming and nature hikes. Fifteen community groups and approximately 750 inner city youth attended the camp.

More than 160 Wayne County fifth graders attended Wayne County **Ecology Day** held at Sam A. Baker State Park.

The **confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers**, featured at Edward “Ted” and Pat-Jones Confluence Point State Park, was featured on a first class postage stamp in the Wonders of America collection.

A special international group of retail specialists from China, Africa, Korea, Middle East, Europe and the United States visited First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site. The group was interested in how retail of St. Charles was influenced by the establishment of **Missouri’s first Capitol** and on the early history of retail and trade in St. Charles.

The Regional Arts Commission gave a \$4,300 grant to Scott Joplin House State Historic Site to help make possible “**Ragtime, Rhythm and Roots: St. Louis Music Comes Home.**” This multi-disciplinary project is a celebration of 15 years of interpreting and preserving ragtime music’s legacy at the site and includes a music and lecture series.

An **archaeological field school** was conducted at Scott Joplin House State Historic Site by students from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The research will provide a look back into the daily lives of the neighborhood when Scott Joplin resided in St. Louis.

ABC’s **Good Morning America** featured Ha Ha Tonka State Park and Lake of the Ozarks State Park on its Sunday morning program called Window on the Weekend.

After losing significant inmate labor with the closing of Camp Hawthorn in 2005, **Lake of the Ozarks State Park** received assistance from a group of six inmates from Tipton for daily routine maintenance work.

A new children’s book was developed by staff for Nathan Boone Homestead State Historic Site. **Belle** tells the story of Nathan Boone’s young granddaughter, Belle, who lived with her grandparents. The setting for the book is the 1851 visit of historian Lyman Draper to interview the Boones.

The **bison herd** at Prairie State Park was increased by 30 calves and then reduced by selling 26 bison, making \$4,450.

A smaller food service at the marina dock store will replace the restaurant facility at **Stockton State Park**. Inventory from the restaurant will be shared with other parks.

The military frock coat of John Delano, a Battle of Pilot Knob participant, was donated to **Fort Davidson State Historic Site**.

Federal legislation was passed to authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to do a study for potentially establishing a national historic site at **Ste. Genevieve**. Funding must be appropriated before the study can begin. If the NPS decides the area is worthy of a national historic site, it could include state property as well.

Twenty-five **scientific research project** applications were evaluated and processed for state parks. Two research agreements with Central Missouri State University were provided: a fungus biodiversity survey at Ha Ha Tonka State Park and a fire effects study at Knob Noster State Park.

A rare and new to state parks antlion species (*Glenurus gratus*) was discovered at **Lake of the Ozarks State Park**. A contract was awarded for a long-horned beetle survey at Trail of Tears State Park.

A “**visioning**” **conference** was held with current staff and key alumni and constituents to discuss where the state park system should be in the next 10 years.

After a comprehensive review, the **State Park Ranger Program** was reorganized. The program’s three regions were combined into two larger regions (one encompassing the northern half of the state and the other the southern half) and fulltime staff was reduced by four positions.

Concessions (privately owned businesses that contract to operate facilities in state parks) generated more than \$12.7 million in gross sales in 2006. This generated more than \$1.2 million in return to the state. Starboard Corp. of Table Rock State Park set a new gross sales record in the concession family with sales more than \$3 million in 2006.

Two concessionaires – Jim and Carmen Rogers at Bennett Spring State Park and Steve and Glenda Kolb at Thousand Hills State Park – were recognized for more than 30 years of service to the division.

A new **E-Z concession contract** was developed that provides for a 45-day turnaround on the bidding process, a flat rate of return to the state and is a one-year seasonal contract only. This type of concession contract will allow the division to provide additional services at state parks that do not have any amenities.

A pilot program is being developed to work with **local sheltered workshops** to supply firewood bundles or bundle firewood for state parks.

Gross sales for **merchandise** sold in state parks and historic sites was more than \$596,000.

The state park system’s **central warehouse** developed Warehouse On-Line, a Web-based warehouse ordering system designed to simplify ordering of materials, reducing coding errors and increase warehouse efficiency. Warehouse staff also facilitated the development of a formal surplus exchange program to maximum use of used equipment.

A complete inventory of Missouri Department of Transportation **highway signs** indicating state park and historic site locations was completed. This inventory will be used to prioritize future replacements and installations so the limited budget for future sign contracts can be maximized.

The division began to make use of an Internet auction site called GovDeals.com where only government entities can place items for sale. Besides receiving a fair market price for **surplus property**, the division benefits from reduced handling costs by selling items on site.

More than 400 bicyclists participated in the **2006 Katy Trail Ride** in June from St. Charles to Clinton. People came from 30 states and Canada.

To reach regular park users and attract new visitors, the division **staffed exhibits** at 13 sport and RV trade shows, including ones in Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield, St. Joseph and Columbia. Other shows included the Missouri State Teachers Association, Missouri Parks and Recreation Association and Missouri Equine Council.

In-service training of staff continued to be a priority. More than 850 staff attended 23 inhouse training sessions ranging from plumbing, electric and wastewater updates to customer service and basic supervision. Fifty-six new employees went through new employee orientation, which acquainted them with the state park system.

A new **recycling station** was established at Wallace State Park. The recycling station will make it easier for campers to participate in the program, which allows recycling of aluminum, cardboard, plastic and glass.

Several staff members assisted with efforts for the federal proposal to create the **Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area** in western Missouri as part of the Civil War sesquicentennial efforts.

2006 Major Improvement Projects

During 2006, many significant improvement and construction projects were accomplished within the state park system. Many were visible to the public while others included infrastructure projects to help protect the environment and provide a better overall service to the public. While some were contracted to private companies, many were completed by the park system's inhouse construction crews. The following are some of the major highlights.

Campground Improvements

The effort to upgrade campgrounds continued in 2006. These efforts included increasing the number of electrical campsites, upgrading existing electrical sites and renovating or adding showerhouses and restrooms. The upgrades are part of an effort to provide facilities requested by campers.

- Thirty-nine basic campsites near the lake at **Lake of the Ozarks State Park** were converted to 50 amp electric sites.
- Thirty basic sites and 30 electric sites were upgraded to 50 amp electric sites at **Wakonda State Park**.
- Thirteen new 50 amp electric sites were completed at **Sam A. Baker State Park**.
- The first phase of the renovation of campground #1 in **Bennett Spring State Park** was completed with the 25 full hookup sites available for the 2007 season.
- Work began on upgrading campsites to 50 amp service at **Meramec State Park, Harry S Truman State Park** and **Sam A. Baker State Park**.
- Work began on developing six walk-in campsites along the lake front at **Stockton State Park**.
- Two new showerhouses using some passive solar lighting were completed at **Watkins Woolen Mill State Park** and **State Historic Site**.
- A pre-cast showerhouse and restroom were added at **Onondaga Cave State Park**.
- A new restroom facility was added to campground 1 at **St. Joe State Park**.
- A yurt, a circular structure with a fabric cover and wooden frame, was added to the campground at **Lake of the Ozarks State Park**.
- Following the success of the camper cabins at Mark Twain and Stockton state parks, four camper cabins were purchased for use at **Lake Wappapello State Park**. These cabins should be available in 2007.

The new boardwalk at **Big Oak Tree State Park** was completed and dedicated. The new wider and sturdier steel boardwalk is more than 3,700 feet long and replaces a wooden boardwalk.

New **flush restrooms** were installed at Elephant Rocks and Lewis and Clark state parks and the vault toilet at the North Jefferson trailhead of Katy Trail State Park was converted to a flush restroom.

A new open shelter and **day-use area** were developed at Sam A. Baker State Park.

Due to the popularity of the park, changes were made to the day-use area at **Castlewood State Park**. Additional parking was added along with an overflow area to

reduce overcrowding issues. The boat launch area became a walk-in and carry-in river access area.

A new sewer line upgrade project began at **Lake Wappapello State Park**. The project provides new and updated service to the day-use area shelter, residence and eventually the seven smaller housekeeping cabins. The project will eliminate a small lagoon in the floodplain.

The water line connection to the city of Eureka was initiated to bring drinking water to the west side of **Route 66 State Park**. New electrical service was provided to the shelters and the wastewater system in the day-use area. Also, a playground and accessible sidewalk were added.

As a part of **ongoing maintenance**, numerous buildings throughout the state park system were painted or repaired (including new roofs). Projects were completed at Battle of Lexington, Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio, Bothwell Lodge, Confederate Memorial, Gen. John J. Pershing Boyhood Home, Deutschheim, Mastodon and Harry S Truman Birthplace state historic sites, and Montauk, Bennett Spring, Robertsville and Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial state parks.

The **handrail renovation project** in Fisher Cave at Meramec State Park was completed. The project involved adding a foot rail between the floor and the top handrail to meet current state regulations for cave safety.

The **handrail renovation project** in Onondaga Cave at Onondaga Cave State Park neared completion in 2006. The new stainless steel handrail will ensure the cave meets current state regulations for cave safety.

At St. Joe State Park, progress was made on the **off-road vehicle wash station**, which was funded through a federal Recreational Trails Program grant. Park staff hope to finish the project by spring 2007.

At Roger Pryor Pioneer Backcountry, the 15-mile **Brush Creek Trail** corridor was opened and trail markers were installed.

Roads and parking areas were **paved or repaved** at numerous state parks, including Thousand Hills, Long Branch, Crowder and Cuivre River state parks. Parking areas or boat ramps were upgraded or expanded at Wakonda, Pomme de Terre and Harry S Truman state parks.

In cooperation with the Missouri Department of Conservation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, cedar trees were removed from prairie areas at **Long Branch State Park** and placed around the lake for fish habitat

A section of the trail at **Rock Bridge Memorial State Park** was closed because a large piece of rock fell from under the rock bridge. A new section of trail was designed and built to reroute this section of trail.

A fence was installed around the Boyd Cemetery at **Finger Lakes State Park** to protect the site from off-road vehicle (ORV) intrusion.

At Finger Lakes State Park, projects to protect **Kelly Branch** from sedimentation were initiated. These projects included development of a main ORV trail from the campground, using a Recreational Trails Program grant. Staff installed 2.5 miles of barrier fencing to protect the creek from ORV riding. As a result of these efforts, Kelly Branch was removed from the state's impaired waters list.

Volunteer work days on seven occasions were held to **improve ORV trails** at Finger Lakes State Park. This is the first comprehensive volunteer effort at the park directed at trail improvements.

An automatic gate was installed on the campground road at **Cuivre River State Park** to ensure the safety of visitors.

The bridge across the Meramec River at **Route 66 State Park** was temporarily closed while Missouri Department of Transportation engineers repaired the bridge's supporting structure.

Maneka Corp., the concessionaire at Stockton State Park, completed the development of two one-bedroom duplex units as leasehold improvements. Other **leasehold improvement projects** are currently being developed by concessionaires at Table Rock, Stockton and Montauk state parks.

A major milestone for the **Ozark Trail** was celebrated in April with the opening of the 25-mile Middle Fork Section south of Potosi. The completion now allows users to travel 200 continuous miles through Missouri.

A new trail leading to the ruins of an old engine house was opened at Elephant Rocks State Park. The **Engine House Ruins Trail** is level, 450 feet long and extends off the state park's current Braille trail. The project was made possible with the assistance from the Missouri Department of Conservation's Youth Conservation Corps and the local LaFarge Graniteville Quarry, which donated material.

Thanks in part to a federal grant, repairs and safety precautions were put in place at **two covered bridges**. At Locust Creek Covered Bridge State Historic Site, power and phone lines and a water line were installed as the first phase of a project to install a fire alarm and provide a water source to respond to a fire emergency at the bridge. At Union Covered Bridge State Historic Site, the bridge was cleaned and painted, landscaping was completed to allow better airflow, and power and phone lines were installed to allow installation of a fire alarm system.

Progress was made on a **fire-suppression** project for Burfordville Covered Bridge at Bollinger Mill State Historic Site. **Erosion-control** measures were put in place around the abutments of Sandy Creek Covered Bridge State Historic Site.

Work was completed on Williams Lake dam at **Watkins Woolen Mill State Park and Historic Site**. While the water levels were low, improvements were made to the swimming beach and boat launch area.

Environmental upgrades and infrastructure improvements continue to be a major priority for the state park system. For example, the water system at Harry S Truman State Park was upgraded. The four-year project of sewer system updates was completed at Roaring River State Park. Several abandoned lagoons were closed.

Where possible and feasible, state park systems were connected to **public utilities** for water and wastewater systems. Examples were projects at Mastodon State Historic Site and Watkins Woolen Mill State Park and Historic Site.

Work continued on special projects at **Missouri Mines State Historic Site** to renovate portions of the museum to expand the interpretive areas. Renovation of the interior of Gallery I was complete. Phase I of Mill building glass block window replacement was completed.

Plans progressed for two major projects at **Felix Valle House State Historic Site**. The Shaw House project includes removing lead-based paint, repairing damaged siding

and trim, and repainting structure. The Bauvais-Amoureux House restoration project, partially funded by Les Amis, will include a new cedar shingle roof, new siding, porch stabilization and stone chimney reconstruction.

On National Civil War Trust Park Day, 25 volunteers helped split rails and construct and repair picket fences at **Battle of Athens State Historic Site**.

Structures for information depots along **Katy Trail State Park** were constructed at Greens Bottom, Black Walnut and Machens. These information depots will contain information about the trail and local communities.

About 10 miles of hiking/bicycling trails called Honey Run Trail were completed at **Lake of the Ozarks State Park**. The trail was funded through a grant awarded to the Earth Riders Association of Kansas City.

An agreement reached with the Missouri Department of Public Safety will allow the construction of a building for the State Water Patrol in the Grand Glaize Beach area of **Lake of the Ozarks State Park**.

At **Nathan Boone Homestead State Historic Site**, interior work on the cabin included restoring the mantelpiece, treating the windows and plastering some walls. Outside, a pathway and yard fence project were completed.

Work began on a major renovation project in the hatchery area of **Roaring River State Park** in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Conservation. Some of the work involved includes installing new gates in the two waterfalls, rebuilding the stairs, and repairing the walkways on top of the spring hole walls with native stone.

A \$4,044 **Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM)** grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation was received by Nathan Boone Homestead State Historic Site. This matching grant, which can be used for forest-related projects on public property, assisted the site in buying 34 ash and oak trees that were planted along Highway V to help screen visual intrusions from the historic landscape.

Prairie State Park received a \$15,000 grant from the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation for prairie restoration. The money was used mainly for exotic species control, removal of trees and other restoration efforts. Native plant plugs of purple prairie clover, white prairie clover and white wild indigo were purchased and planted by local scouts.

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STATE PARKS – 49

STATE PARK	ACRES
Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial	2,441.00
Sam A. Baker	5,323.62
Bennett Spring	3,216.74
Big Lake	407.41
Big Oak Tree	1,028.68
Big Sugar Creek	2,082.54
Castlewood	1,818.30
Crowder	1,912.10
Cuivre River	6,393.94
Elephant Rocks	131.74
Finger Lakes	1,128.69
Graham Cave	369.51
Grand Gulf	321.96
Ha Ha Tonka	3,709.74
Hawn	4,953.66
Johnson's Shut-Ins	8,646.51
Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones – Confluence Point	1,121.43
Katy Trail	2,935.60
Knob Noster	3,934.38
Lake of the Ozarks	17,626.55
Lake Wappapello	1,854.23
Lewis and Clark	189.13
Long Branch	1,828.47
Meramec	6,896.33
Montauk	1,396.12
Morris	161.22
Onondaga Cave	1,317.70
Pershing	3,565.66
Pomme de Terre	734.44
Prairie	3,942.00
Roaring River	3,973.38
Robertsville	1,224.65
Rock Bridge Memorial	2,272.83
Route 66	418.61
St. Francois	2,734.97
St. Joe	8,242.98
Stockton	2,175.90
Table Rock	356.03
Taum Sauk Mountain	7,501.09
Thousand Hills	3,079.70
Trail of Tears	3,415.39
Harry S Truman	1,440.00
Mark Twain	2,775.14
Van Meter	1,104.63
Wakonda	1,053.87
Wallace	501.61
Washington	2,147.57
Watkins Woolen Mill	876.22
Weston Bend	1,133.08
SUBTOTAL	137,817.05

STATE HISTORIC SITES – 34

STATE HISTORIC SITE	ACRES
Arrow Rock	167.39
Battle of Athens	408.50
Battle of Carthage	7.40
Battle of Lexington	92.25
Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio	0.32
Bollinger Mill	43.00
Nathan Boone Homestead	400.20
Boone's Lick	51.17
Bothwell Lodge	246.91
Clark's Hill/Norton	13.40
Confederate Memorial	135.22
Deutschheim	0.69
Dillard Mill	131.77
Dunklin's Grave	1.37
First Missouri State Capitol	0.66
Fort Davidson	86.26
Hunter-Dawson	19.80
Iliniwek Village	127.49
Jefferson Landing	1.27
Jewell Cemetery	0.45
Scott Joplin House	3.86
Locust Creek Covered Bridge	32.22
Mastodon	425.00
Missouri Mines	25.00
Osage Village	100.00
Gen. John J. Pershing Boyhood Home	2.69
Sandy Creek Covered Bridge	205.78
Sappington Cemetery	2.00
Towosahgy	64.00
Harry S Truman Birthplace	2.51
Mark Twain Birthplace	13.00
Union Covered Bridge	1.24
Felix Vallé House	10.13
Watkins Woolen Mill	624.00
SUBTOTAL	3,446.95

OTHER FACILITIES – 5

FACILITY	ACRES
Brookfield District Office	7.46
Festus District Office	8.67
Lebanon District Office	10.00
Boonville District Office	2.06
Capitol Complex	2.27
SUBTOTAL	30.46

SUBTOTAL 141,294.46

Roger Pryor Pioneer Backcountry	61,000.00
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TOTAL ACRES 202,294.46

Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park – A New Beginning

A major effort during 2006 was cleanup and recovery efforts at Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park near Lesterville.

On Dec. 14, 2005, the upper Taum Sauk Reservoir breached, sending 1.3 billion gallons of water down Proffit Mountain and into the main use area of Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park.

The flooding caused **extensive damage** to the area of the park along the East Fork of the Black River where most of the park's facilities were. Facilities that were damaged included the campground, water and water systems, the boardwalk to the shut-ins and the superintendent's residence. Trees stripped from the hillside were piled 15 feet high and sand and clay up to 8 feet deep covered much of the area. The water and rocks scoured a hole at the base of the mountain, and rocks created a dam across the river and formed a six-acre lake. A portion of the Taum Sauk Section of the Ozark Trail through the park was damaged.

Once any immediate environmental issues were addressed, the **cleanup began**. About 15,000 truckloads of sand, debris and mulch from trees were removed from the main area of the park. The campground area was cleared and grass was planted. Workers removed sand and trees by hand from the sensitive fen area, a wetland home to many usual plants. A notch was cut in the rock dam to drain the lake and a stream restoration plan began to take shape. Roads were repaired and resurfaced. The boardwalk to the shut-ins and the park store were repaired. To keep the public and the media updated on progress, public meetings and special media tours were held.

Following cleanup, the department was able to **reopen the park** on May 27, 2006. The summer's experience focused on letting visitors see what happened at the park and interpreting the impact. Guided staff tours, a one-half-mile interpretive trail and a self-guided auto tour were available to help visitors understand the event. More than 70,300 people toured the park before it closed again on Oct. 2.

During the spring and summer, work began on the **long-term redevelopment** of the park. Public input was sought during April online and at open houses in Jefferson City, Lesterville, Farmington and St. Louis. The proposed plan was presented to the public in August at the park and in the St. Louis area. The department approved the redevelopment plan in November. Several key components in the new plan include moving the campground from its previous location near the river to the Goggins Mountain area of the park, a new park office/store and interpretive area, a new road system and an overlook of the scour channel.

Another plan that was developed concerned the restoration of the portion of the **East Fork of the Black River** that flows through the park. The plan will help stabilize the stream banks, prevent erosion, reduce in-stream sediment, and protect natural features in the park. In April, the plan was presented at public meetings in Lesterville and St. Louis and was made available for review at six places around the state and online. The department approved the plan in September.

The park closed Oct. 2, 2006, so redevelopment could begin. The department anticipates that Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park will be fully operational in 2008.

Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Projects

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources continued its commitment to activities commemorating the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition from 2003 to 2006. This was achieved both through staff commitments to the Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission and those within the state park system. This year marked the anniversary of the historic return of the Corps of Discovery to St. Louis and the final year of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial.

Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission (MLCBC) Activities:

Lewis and Clark Workshop: A workshop was held in April for communities and organizations as well as state and federal agencies to help prepare for final bicentennial activities and coordinate legacies in Missouri beyond 2006.

September, 2006 Lewis and Clark Events Coordination: The MLCBC assisted planning for the "*Lewis and Clark: Currents of Change*" the final national signature event held in St. Louis Sept. 20-24. This event included "The Stories We Tell: A Symposium" and the activities held on the riverfront to mark the return of the expedition. During September, the commission also was active coordinating community activities and safety efforts across the state as the Lewis and Clark re-enactment activities approached St. Louis.

MLCBC Meeting: The final formal meeting of the Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission was held Friday, Sept. 22, at Scott Joplin House State Historic Site in St. Louis. On Sept. 21, Scott Joplin House State Historic Site hosted a multicultural event honoring Commissioner Barbara Woods' efforts to create the first "Drums Along the River" event in 2004. Activities included multicultural drumming, a York re-enactment and a public reception.

Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Legacies Recognition Program: The MLCBC concluded its recognition program awarding more than 50 Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Legacy Recognition awards. The recognition program is intended to highlight Missouri's finest bicentennial projects. The program acknowledged projects substantially completed by the end of 2006.

Missouri Lewis and Clark Sign System MOU: The commission office coordinated an effort to produce a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri Department of Conservation to address care of the 104 interpretive markers installed across the state during the bicentennial. The MOU outlines each agency's role in preserving the system of signs, which is considered to be one of Missouri's finest bicentennial legacies.

Lewis and Clark Asset Inventory Update: The commission office coordinated a Lewis and Clark assets inventory across Missouri with the assistance of Missouri's four Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation chapters and the National Park Service. Information has been entered into a Geographic Information System (GIS) database being managed by the department's State Historic Preservation Office. The inventory includes approximately 250 "place-based" assets and is intended to be a first step toward longer term care of these resources.

Missouri Lewis and Clark Trail Committee History: A written history of the original "Lewis and Clark Trail Committee" was finalized and printed for the final commission meeting in September. This history examines the Lewis and Clark Trail Committee started in the 1960s, interests in the trail during the centennial in 1904 and the sesquicentennial in 1954, the establishment of the first national trail and eventually the National Trails System, and the first steps in creating the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

State Park System Activities:

Significant progress was made on focusing **Van Meter State Park** as the state park system's main interpretive venue for American Indian history. The visitor center addition was named Missouri's American Indian Cultural Center and a preview of the center coincided with the anniversary of Lewis and Clark Expedition's return down the Missouri River in 1806. Discussions continued with nine tribal nations and several special events were held.

Support continued for the state's official Lewis and Clark bicentennial Web site, including weekly editions of "**This Week in Lewis and Clark,**" which gave a synopsis of the journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Staff assisted with **planning efforts** for the final national signature event in St. Louis in September as well as with activities at other areas of the state. These included the drumming event at Scott Joplin House State Historic Site, guided tours of Sugar Loaf Rock and interpretation at Clark's Hill/Norton State Historic Site.

The Lewis and Clark bicentennial plaza area was dedicated at **Lewis and Clark State Park**. This area includes interpretation about the expedition and their stop there in 1804.

The Lewis and Clark **traveling exhibit** was hosted by 12 different communities across Missouri.

State Historic Preservation Office Successes

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) helps identify, evaluate and protect Missouri's cultural resources. Accomplishments in 2006 include the following:

Missouri Tax Credits --Missouri's 25 percent state tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic buildings continues to be a major accomplishment for preservation in the state. The number of significant rehabilitation projects fueled by this credit continues to grow and expand. The Missouri Historic Tax Credits program is now Missouri's largest tax credit. Last year saw the greatest utilization of the credits since their inception.

The state issued credits amounting to \$105,071,005 last year. Total amount invested in projects using the state credits in last year was \$531,605,975. Staff reviewed 231 state tax projects during the period. Since the inception of the state credits in 1998, more than 660 projects have been reviewed by the SHPO and the total investment is \$2,357,650,759.

Increase in National Register Nominations --The dramatic increase in the number of National Register of Historic Places nominations processed and listed seen since the establishment of the Missouri Rehabilitation Tax Credits continued this year.

The amount of interest in the program as evidenced by requests for information, eligibility assessments and nominations submitted remains extremely high. Last year, Missouri saw 76 new listings in the National Register representing 1,212 resources

Local Government Assistance --The SHPO continued its efforts to assist Missouri's local governments. One new community, Manchester, was certified by the SHPO and the National Park Service bringing to 43 the number of communities participating in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program. Staff also sponsored the annual CLG Forum, which brings commission members and staff together for a day-long training session and a separate training session for commission staff.

Scanning and Digitization of Inventory Records -- SHPO has continued its efforts to scan and digitize records in the Cultural Resource Inventory. All National Register files have now been scanned and are available in a digital format. Staff continues to make corrections on these files. Once completed, original files are transferred to the State Archives. This ensures better access to the information in the files as well as better protection of the original documents. Cultural Resource Management (CRM) reports have now been scanned and agencies are now required to submit electronic versions of all CRM reports. Work continues on the development of a geographic information system (GIS) layer that includes information on identified cultural resource sites.

State Funding—Last year saw an increase in funding for the SHPO. For the first time in several years, the SHPO received an increased transfer of funds from the state's Non-resident Athletes and Entertainers Tax. The SHPO is now no longer receiving funds from the state's general revenue. The office also is now receiving funds from the Economic Development Advancement Fund—a surcharge assessed on tax credits issued by the state. These funds allow the state to match its federal Historic Preservation Fund funding. Funds in excess of the amount being used for operational costs are being used by the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund. This year the state made emergency grant awards for two Missouri courthouses.